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Applicants:

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RESPONSE TO APRIL 10, 2000 FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)

Sir:

This is in reply to the April 10, 2000 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time, together with a check for \$445 to cover the extension fee (35 U.S.C. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3)). With the extension, this response is due on October 10, 2000.

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